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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT ON MILITARY CONSPIRACY

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1. PRIME MINISTER K CARAMANPIS ISSUED STATEMENT MIDDAY
FEBRUARY 25 RELEVANT TO MILITARY CONSPIRACY SUPPRESSED
PREVIOUS DAY. TEXT OF STATEMENT (INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION)
FOLLOWS.

2. QUOTE: FOOLISH MOVEMENTS ON THE PART OF SOME ARMY
OFFICERS NOSTALGIC FOR THE PAST TYRANNY WERE DETECTED IN A
TIMELY FASHION YESTERDAY AND IMMEDIATELY SUPPRESSED BY THE
IMPOSITION OF STERN MEASURES. INVESTIGATIONS NOW TAKING
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PLACE WILL REVEAL ALL ASPECTS OF THIS SENSELESS

UNDERTAKING. BOTH THE PARLIAMENT AND THE PUBLIC WILL BE FULLY INFORMED ON THIS MATTER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, AND EXEMPLARY PUNISHMENTS WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE GUILTY PARTIES. ADDITIONALLY, THE GOVERNMENT WILL WITHIN A FEW DAYS EXECUTE STEPS-ALREADY PREVIOUSLY DECIDED UPON AND WHICH HAD POSSIBLY IMPELLED THE PLOTTERS TO ACTION-WHICH ARE AIMED BOTH AT THE DEFINITE ERADICATION OF ANY CANCEROUS TRACES REMAINING BY CHANCE IN THE ARMED FORCES AND QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ARMED FORCES. IN ANY EVENT I WISH TO ASSURE THE GREEK PEOPLE THAT

(A) THE EXTENT OF THE SUPPRESSED ACTIVITY WAS, ACCORING TO ALL INDICATIONS, A LIMITED ONE:

(B) THE ESPRIT DE CORPS AND THERESPECT FOR LAW OF THE ARMED FORCES WAS PROVEN ONE MORE TIME BY THE IMMEDIATE ISOLIATION OF THE FEW CONSPIRATORS AND THE UNQUESTIONING OBEDIENCE OF ALL THE SERVICES TO THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTRY; AND

(C) ANXIETY IS NOT ONLY UNJUSTIFIED BY THE FACTS, BUT ALSO ONLY SUPPORTS THOSE WHO ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE THE GREAT COLLECITVE EFFORT WHICH THE NATION IS MAKING TO FACE THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS THROUGHOUT ALL SECTORS END QUOTE.

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